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1. EMBASSY WILL CONVEY INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTTEL TO GOP AND TO DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL PARTIES. SUCH GROUNDWORK, HOWEVER, WILL NOT BE USFFICIENT TO PREVENT SPINOLA VISIT FROM ATTRACTING A GREAT DEAL OF ATTENTION AND REKINDLING CHARGES OF U.S. INVOLVEMENT WITH MDLP. EVEN WITHOUT SPINOLA'S PRESENCE IN U.S. THESE CHARGES CONTINUE. TWO WEEKS AGO, FOR EXAMPLE, PORTUGUESE MEDIA WIDELY CARRIED SOVIET PRESS AGENCY "NOVOSTI" ITEM ALLEGING I HAD MET RECENTLY WITH SPINOLA IN MADRID. DEPARTMENT'S EFFORTS
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WITH OUR ALLIES HAVE SUCCEDED IN CORRECTING SOME MIS-

CONCEPTIONS, BUT MANY PEOPLE HERE STILL BELIEVE USG BACKS SPINOLA.

2. I SUGGEST THAT AT TIME OF SPINOLA VISIT DEPARTMENT EITHER ISSUE A LOW-KEY STATEMENT OR PLANT A QUESTION AT PRESS BRIEFING INDICATING THAT SPINOLA WILL NOT BE RECEIVED IN EXECUTIVE BRANCH. THIS WOULD THEN ENABLE US TO ISSUE A STATEMENT HERE WHICH WOULD HOPEFULLY BE CARRIED ALONG WITH ANTICIPATED SUBSTANTIAL LOCAL MEDIA REACTION TO SPINOLA VISIT. CARLUCCI

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